

HOUSE RESOLUTION 28
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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Frank Bluestein, Germantown High School teacher, on being named Outstanding Performing Arts Teacher of 1996 by the Walt Disney Company and McDonald's.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee General Assembly is pleased to specially recognize exemplary teachers who serve as role models for their students; and

WHEREAS, Frank Bluestein, an exemplary teacher at Germantown High School, whose notable work was recently honored when he received the prestigious 1996 Outstanding Performing Arts Teacher of the Year award from the Walt Disney Company and McDonald's Corporation, is one such excellent role model; and

WHEREAS, a native of Memphis, Mr. Bluestein was born on May 19, 1949 and fondly remembers his father sitting beside him and teaching him how to play the piano. It was from this experience that he learned what has become a main tenet of his life and his successful teaching career: that the best way to learn anything is to "learn by doing"; and

WHEREAS, he received his Bachelor of Arts Degree in 1971 and Master's Degree in 1980 from the University of Memphis and has taken 33 hours of coursework above his Master's at Trevecca College; and

WHEREAS, in his long and distinguished career, Mr. Bluestein has directed numerous successful productions at the Poplar Pike Playhouse at the school; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Bluestein also serves admirably as Chairman of the Fine Arts
Department at Germantown High School; and

WHEREAS, he does a great job of carefully guiding and nurturing his students in a comprehensive program, which has been properly heralded as the most progressive and unique of its kind in the Mid-South area; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bluestein has said that he believes there is something special about working with high school students, because adolescence is such a formative period in their lives. He commented "When young people get to be 13, 14 years old, they are just coming into their own, and they finally have a sense that their life is in front of them. They are beginning to think about the decisions they want to make that will impact the rest of their life."; and

WHEREAS, Frank Bluestein plays a crucial role in preparing his students for life, and it is fitting that we pause in our deliberations to recognize and congratulate him; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we honor and congratulate Frank Bluestein on being named Outstanding Performing Arts Teacher of 1996, and wish him well in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.